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SUBJECT: ALLEGED HEAVY CRUDE PRODUCTION LIMITATION

REF: KUWAIT 3015

WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO FIND ANY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT CONTENTION THAT SAUDIS HAVE AGREED TO LIMIT HEAVY OIL PRODUCTION TO 2 MMBD (REFTEL). PRODUCTION STATISTICS IN FACT SHOW SLIGHT INCREASE IN HEAVY CRUDE RATIO TO TOTAL PRODUCTION, THOUGH IN PRESENT WEAK MARKET HEAVY CRUDE PRODUCTION IS STILL RUNNING WELL BELOW 2 MMBD. ALLEGED CEILING UNLIKELY TO BE TESTED UNTIL TOTAL SAUDI PRODUCTION CLIMBS TO OVER 8 MMBD, WHICH ON AVERAGED BASIS SEEMS UNLIKELY TO HAPPEN THIS YEAR.

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